















## THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR

Visited by a Brave Pelville Soldier Boy.

IT'S A GREAT FORTIFICATION

Could Stand Aguinado, Hanna and Chinn Combined.

A VERY INTERESTING LETTER

From Sergeant Obichian, Who is Going Around the World.

Sergeant Obichian, of the Third U. S. Infantry, writing to his sister, from Fort Sill, says:

DEAR SISTER:—I am well, not even sick. We have had very stormy weather here in New York. What I took for a severe storm struck me as the sea over the top of our ship and throwing everything over that was movable. The boys could not stand up but went bumping around like so many lumps. I thought we were gone for sure and would have felt safer at home plowing old Pete, but like a good soldier had to stand it. At last all was calm and many a boy who left dear ones at home felt relieved. The captain of the transport put it down on his log as a northwestern gale. I thought if this terrible to do was a gale I would go to land at Manila before a storm struck us.

We left New York on Sunday in the bay till 11 a. m. on the 2nd and at 1 p. m. we passed out of sight of the land and country of our birth, perhaps for many of us never to see again. I don't like to talk much about such things, something gets in my throat. Our good ship, the U. S. Transport Sherman, glided over the water like a thing of life and all on board appeared to be jubilant over the prospects of some day sooner or later anchoring safely in Manila bay, where Deewer with one left swoop caught the civilized nations of the sea to respect and dread Uncle Sam's navy and its commanders. For twelve days we plowed the foaming billows on a trackless sea leaving behind us 2,415 miles of water we had passed over.

When we landed at Gibraltar we were permitted to go ashore and see the city and fortifications. I could not begin to tell you how grand and mighty the rock of Gibraltar is, but those old knolls around Pelville are not a circumstance. I wish some of those fellows in Pelville who whistle gods here and talk hard things for a living were here where their minds could expand. I don't believe that Aguinado and his whole crowd with Jack Chinn and Mark Hanna thrown in could take the place without considerable bloodshed. When I arrive at Manila I will send you some nice things I got at Gibraltar. I would have to pay duty on them from here.

When we anchored we fired a salute of 21 guns for Uncle Sam, pulled down the American flag and ran up the English instead, which was edited by 21 guns from the rock. Just about this time one of our boys died of pneumonia. We buried him in a metallic coffin on the rock of Gibraltar. It was a real affair. He was such a nice, good fellow and had left a good home in Conn. Ind., six weeks ago, traveled across the waters to his grave among strangers in a foreign land. We rained another after two days stay at this historical spot and was now passing the straits of Gibraltar out on the placid waters of the Mediterranean sea. We had a fine view of the city of Malta and also the city. We were gliding peacefully along when the cry of a man overboard rang out over the blue waters of the Mediterranean. Everything was in confusion and all possible done to rescue the man, but it was destined that he find his grave in coral depths. We fired 21 guns and was soon on our way again, but our poor poor soul had gone to his maker. Perhaps many warm hearts are yearning for this lost young man in his native land but, dear sister, such is the life of a soldier and while I have been in the service eleven years I can't say that I am tired of another line.

I tried I will arrive safe at Manila, from which place I will write you. I hope Aguinado will have been whipped when we get there and peace declared. Then I want to come home with Hanna and Nan Francisco so I can say I have been around the world.

LOVINGLY,  
GEORGE W. OBICHIAN,  
Sergeant, Co. M, 3rd U. S. Infantry.

## "Out of Sight Out of Mind."

In other months we forget the harsh winds of Spring. But they have their use, as some say, to blow out the bad air accumulated after Winter storms and Spring thaws. There is far more important accumulation of badness in the veins and arteries of humanity, which needs Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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**Dyspepsia**—Complicated with liver and kidney trouble, I suffered for years with dyspepsia, with severe pains. Hood's Sarsaparilla made me strong and hearty. J. L. KESLER, Main Street, Ashbury, N. C.

**Hip Disease**—Five running sores on my hip, due to one crutch. Hood's Sarsaparilla saved my life as it cured my hip. Am strong and well. ASHLEY ROSS, 404 Fourth St., Fall River, Mass.

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### TAR FORT.

Health of the community reasonably good.

L. C. Taul and John Rhodes went to Jolly last week on business.

L. C. Taul has been disappointed for several days but not confined to his room.

L. C. Chancellor continues his weekly Sunday evening visits to his "Lady."

The congregation was disappointed at Keenan chapel Sunday by the pastor failed to come.

Regular Navy and wife made their regular semi-monthly visit to her father's Saturday and Sunday.

We are also fortunate that our stock have escaped the disease so fatal among hives in the surrounding country.

Cave Spring, church is yet without a pastor. The church will probably call one soon. We deem it urgent, not to be too hasty, for various reasons.

Thus far, the people here have not contracted that dreadful epidemic "grippe" or "old fashion had cold" that is so prevalent in many localities.

By the way, pedlars are becoming a nuisance on this route, as it is a common occurrence for them to display their indignation if one refuses to purchase of them.

We are glad to note, those who have moved at Jolly are doing well except little Jess Bates who is in a bad condition. We hope he will come out all right.

Miss Alma Hoff will begin a spring school at Lynn's school house, April 1st. She is a dear good girl, worthy of the trust imposed and should have the liberal patronage of all.

Mr. Jackson has rented out his farm and now lives at the late Patrick Keenan farm. We are glad to have just such nice, hospitable, industrious, go-ahead farmers in our midst.

O! for a prolific year like last year and surely from the depths of our hearts would come a fountain of thanksgiving. From the number of subscribers to the Hockenshaw News would be increased and arrangements paid up.

Your correspondent a few "guile" old man called on J. B. Jackson and Miss Nellie Plann, a beautiful blonde, was also a would be guest there, of Miss Marie, was willing away the day at Samuel Muffet's.

Mr. C. B. Tate, Balltown, more than any one in this vicinity would welcome the approach of the dry highways in order to call at your place of business and share of that hospitality and liberality that is so characteristic of you and which I heard of you occasionally.

It is to be hoped the road question will be agitated until ere long we can all with one accord exclaim, Eureka! When some one will have hit upon a plan to have good roads that will remain good. Truly we in these parts, are real shut-outs—not invalid in the house but shut-in everywhere in their own dominion, so account of it, it seems in vain to be had road.

Mrs. Grinnell, I appreciated your

"Current Topics" also your local news. Would like to meet you so soon, as with you on a great many things as my. What do you think of the "Homes" facts about the home life of Mrs. Lincoln in twice a week Courier Journal of March 11th? If there is a shadow of doubt, I will give it to my sex and advocate, that while she may have been eccentric, we all have our eccentricities more or less. "Rags" who is said to be the great at story teller, must have grossly misapprehended the personality of Mrs. Lincoln.

Mrs. T. H. DAVIS.

### YELLOW LAKE

Matt Jarber is very much indisposed with his gripe.

Mr. Nels Quiggin carried the mail a few days last week.

Little Harry Storme has improved very much in health the last week.

Brother Waggoner, who has been real ill with measles, is much better.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at the Baptist church, McDaniel.

The prospect for wheat does not look very promising since the severe winter.

We are sorry to report that Miss Lena Mattingly is again suffering with her ailment.

Mr. Bill Hunter and family have lately moved into McDaniel's to locate for awhile.

Mr. Tom Cannon is having a cellar dug which will be under the new store house when erected.

The case of small pox thought to be just over in Gryson county terminated to be measles.

Mr. Fleg Carter, near Cloverport, was the guest of uncle Frank Rhodes last Sunday night.

Mr. Tom Wooley began a spring school last Monday in this district with a good attendance.

Mr. Nels Quiggin has taken the contract to carry the mail for a year, and is stopping at Mr. Horace Hunters.

Billie Frank, of Fordville, arrived at McDaniel, last Wednesday evening to spend some time in this locality.

Miss Hannah Smith, who is attending school at Glendene, was with her sister, Mrs. T. Wooley last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Bob Rhodes returned to Jeffersonville last week accompanied by his brother Joe, who will work in the same trade.

Fred Franks has his new kitchen about completed, which is an improvement both to the comfort and appearance of his residence.

Mrs. Nannie Cannon, Mrs. Ad Rhodes, Miss Mary Lewis, Sue and Annie Rhodes, Edna and Minnie Hart were guests of Mrs. Jim May and Clara Cannon last Tuesday evening.

Farmers got in a few days work last week burning plant beds etc. Many are wearing long faces in their weary wattle of getting that all "All things cometh to him who knoweth how to wait."

We hear Mr. Charlie Sheeran, of Kirk, has been dealing in real estate recently, and that Miss Minnie Rhodes, one of our promising young ladies, is very busy quilting and making carpets. Now what do you opinion?

Mr. Frank Rhodes thinks it quite a dilemma to get water hauled by Long Lick while gone to Glendene after goods, especially when this happens on Saturday evening and he has an engagement with his best girl on Sunday.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. W. C. Moorman and his chosen bride. 'Tis late in my offering they are none the less cordial, and hope as they glide down the stream of life, their barge may be guided by the bright stars of faith, hope and love.

It appeared very much like Glen-deen's phyllopy was going to prove true last Saturday night, while the wind was blowing such a gale. Let us have something more pleasant next time Mr. Prophet. "April showers, sweet May flowers, etc."

When we get a bright day and the sun warms us up a little, the ladies begin to talk garden and clematis, and the men talk "I can soon start my plow when in a few hours March sends me of her chilling snow and rain, and we are again bowing around the freeze.

Mr. John Overton, near Frank's Mill, lost a fine male last Wednesday. He was driving through Jim Rhodes' lane when the animal stepped on a limb lying there, which snapped it to ash, an extent that it bled to death, dying in half an hour from the time it got hurt.

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Signature of *Chas. H. Heston*

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